

Improv Games

Three Things

Ask the person to your left to "name three things" that belong to a category (things start with P, kinds of animals, nobel prize winners, etc). The next person responds with three things as quickly as possible, and then the group chants together, "Three Things!" Continue around the circle until everyone has been asker and answerer. The point is to say the first three things that come to mind - there are no wrong answers!

Syllable at a time Three Things

Just like Three Things! but this time questions and answers are asked around the circle with each person saying one syllable at a time. Expect mayhem and hilarity.

Headline

Three people step forward and position themselves in a tableau. The next person in the circle gives the scene a headline, as though this were a photo on the front page of a news story.

Word at a time story

Tell a story around the circle one word at a time. What happens if you let go and let the story tell itself?

Humcircle

Someone starts to hum a note; everyone else joins in. Let the humming shift, morph, change tune, tempo, volume, add other noises. Let it emerge organically - no leaders, just everyone following what is happening in the group.

I am a tree

Person 1 steps out and starts "I am a tree" and assumes the position of a tree. Person 2 steps out and joins the scene, eg, "I am an apple on the tree." Person 3 steps out and joins the scene, "I am a worm in the apple on the tree." After person 3 steps out, person 1 says, "Thank you," and then takes off one of the other players. The remaining person starts the pattern again as whatever element they joined with (eg, "I am an apple.").

